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Re: Jefferson County Center of Research and Education for  
Aquaculture Development, Inc.  
Our File No. 3607.2

Dear Sir/Madam:

Enclosed please find an original and one copy of Articles of Incorporation, together with original Certificate of Designation Registered Agent/Registered Office for filing with the Florida Secretary of State as soon as possible. I have also enclosed the trust account check #11230 in the amount of \$122.50 to cover the cost of same.

Please return a certified copy of the Articles for our file.

Very truly yours,



Rebecca L. Howell  
Paralegal to  
T. Buckingham Bird

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Enclosures: As Stated

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Secretary of State

February 11, 1997

T. BUCKINGHAM BIRD, ESQ.  
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SUBJECT: JEFFERSON COUNTY CENTER OF RESEARCH AND  
EDUCATION FOR AQUACULTURE DEVELOPMENT, INC.  
Ref. Number: W97000003348

We have received your document for JEFFERSON COUNTY CENTER OF RESEARCH AND EDUCATION FOR AQUACULTURE DEVELOPMENT, INC. and check(s) totaling \$122.50. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned to you for the following reason(s):

Section 617.0803, Florida Statutes, requires that the board of directors never have fewer than three directors.

Please return your document, along with a copy of this letter, within 60 days or your filing will be considered abandoned.

If you have any questions concerning the filing of your document, please call (904) 487-6925.

Brenda Baker  
Corporate Specialist

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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
JEFFERSON COUNTY CENTER OF RESEARCH AND EDUCATION  
FOR AQUACULTURE DEVELOPMENT, INC.**

(a Non-Profit Corporation)

The undersigned, acting as incorporator of a corporation under the Florida General Corporation Act, adopt the following articles of incorporation for such corporation.

**ARTICLE I - NAME**

The name of the Corporation is **JEFFERSON COUNTY CENTER OF RESEARCH AND EDUCATION FOR AQUACULTURE DEVELOPMENT, INC.**

**ARTICLE II - DURATION AND PRINCIPAL ADDRESS**

The period of duration of the corporation is perpetual. The principal address is Route 1, Box 178, Monticello, FL 32344.

**ARTICLE III - PURPOSE**

The purpose or purposes for which the corporation is organized are to create and maintain a research and development center for sustainable agriculture.

**ARTICLE IV - NON-PROFIT CORPORATION AND MEMBERSHIP**

This is a non-profit corporation. The membership qualifications and admission shall be determined and regulated by the by-laws.

**ARTICLE V - INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT**

The address of the initial registered office of this corporation is 220 South Cherry

Monticello, Florida 32344, and the name of the initial Registered Agent at that address is T. BUCKINGHAM BIRD, ESQUIRE.

#### ARTICLE VI - INITIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

This corporation shall initially have Three(3) directors whose name and address is as follows:

TRACY GRAY  
Rt 1, Box 178  
Monticello, FL 32344  
CEO/Administrator

LOUIS F. WALDMAN  
580 W. Washington  
Monticello, FL 32344

JEFF WILCOX  
4495 Buttercup Wy.  
Tallahassee, FL 32340

The directors shall be elected at an annual meeting of the members.

#### ARTICLE VII - INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the person signing these Articles of Incorporation is:

TRACY GRAY  
Route 1, Box 178  
Monticello, Florida 32344

Chief Executive Officer/Director/Secretary/Treasurer

#### ARTICLE VIII - INDEMNIFICATION

This corporation shall indemnify any officer or director, or any form of officer or director, to the full amount permitted by law.

#### ARTICLE IX - AMENDMENT

This corporation reserves the right to amend or repeal these Articles of Incorporation. The power to adopt, alter, amend, or repeal the Bylaws of this corporation shall be vested exclusively in its Board of Directors.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned incorporator has executed these Articles of

of Incorporation.



TRACY GRAY

Chief Executive Officer/Director/Secretary/Treasurer

STATE OF FLORIDA

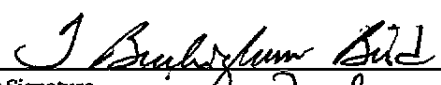
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 4th day of February, 1997, by TRACY GRAY (X) who is personally known to me or ( ) who has produced as identification and who (did) (did not) take an oath.

(SEAL)



T. Buckingham Bird  
MY COMMISSION # CG562267 EXPIRES  
August 5, 2000  
BONDED THRU TROY FARM INSURANCE, INC.

  
Notary Signature

T. Buckingham Bird  
(Type or Print Notary Name)

Notary Public, State of Florida at Large

My Commission Expires:

**CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATION**  
**REGISTERED AGENT/REGISTERED OFFICE**

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 607.0501, Florida Statutes, the undersigned corporation, organized under the laws of the State of Florida, submits the following statement in designating the registered office/registered agent, in the state of Florida.

1. The name of the corporation is:

**JEFFERSON COUNTY CENTER OF RESEARCH AND EDUCATION**  
**FOR AQUACULTURE DEVELOPMENT, INC.**

2. The Name and address of the registered agent and office is:

T. BUCKINGHAM BIRD, ESQUIRE  
220 South Cherry Street  
Post Office Box 2478  
Monticello, Florida 32344

  
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**TRACY GRAY**

Chief Executive Officer/Director/Secretary/Treasurer

February 4<sup>th</sup>, 1997

HAVING BEEN NAMED AS REGISTERED AGENT AND TO ACCEPT SERVICE OF PROCESS FOR THE ABOVE STATED CORPORATION AT THE PLACE DESIGNATED IN THIS CERTIFICATE, I HEREBY ACCEPT THE APPOINTMENT AS REGISTERED AGENT AND AGREE TO ACT IN THIS CAPACITY. I FURTHER AGREE TO COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF ALL STATUTES RELATING TO THE PROPER AND COMPLETE PERFORMANCE OF MY DUTIES, AND I AM FAMILIAR WITH AND ACCEPT THE OBLIGATIONS OF MY POSITION AS REGISTERED AGENT.

  
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**T. BUCKINGHAM BIRD, Resident Agent**

February 4<sup>th</sup>, 1997

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